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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Special Reserve Panel Study

1. At your request we have reviewed the study prepared by the Special Reserve Panel entitled "The Role of CIA in Nuclear War." In general, the study is, we believe, well considered and well prepared. We believe that the Central Intelligence Agency must stand prepared to meet all of the various wartime contingencies and should undertake special preparations accordingly. In matters involving the wartime strategy and tactics of this Agency as a component of the United States overseas forces, it is essential that CIA plans be responsive to those of the Department of Defense.

2. The assumption of massive nuclear exchange in the initial stage of hostilities is well taken, but this must not preclude the military establishment or this Agency from being prepared to meet all reasonable contingencies. CIA should continue to accept the responsibility for all military requirements for which it has a current or potential capability.

3. It is felt that further steps along the lines covered in the paper under consideration would be of benefit to this Agency, and that this type of activity should be continued.

(signed) H. Gates Lloyd

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